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## Torrance Move Has Priority

Palos Verdes Estates attempt to block the new annexation proposal of Palos Verdes Properties which was formalized two weeks ago by the Torrance City Council is tricky illegal, newsmen were informed here by city officials Saturday.

Sections of the Government Code were cited to show the futility of the Palos Verdes move. The Code states that no further procedure to annex an area can be undertaken after a formal petition to annex has been filed until 50 days after the filing of the original petition, of officials said.

This would mean that the Palos Verdes Estates move last week to annex the Chadwick School area which is being used to connect the huge peninsula area to Torrance in an annexation procedure is illegal and cannot be recognized.

Indications were that the same Code would apply to the proposal of some in Rolling Hills and Portuguese Bend to incorporate the hill area as a "Lakeview-type city and include a generous portion of the Palos Verdes Properties holding.

Under the provisions of the annexation procedure instituted here March 30 and formalized the next day with the adoption of a resolution of intention by the Torrance City Council the 650-acre unincorporated hill area would be annexed to Torrance through a shoe-string running across the school property of Comdr. Joseph Chadwick, Chadwick has previously offered the west side of his property to Palos Verdes in an attempt to block the annexation.

A petition of residents in the area, which must contain at least 25 per cent of the registered voters, will be submitted to Torrance later this month and an election can be called 50 days later. In the interim, a public hearing must be held on the matter, according to law.

Most of the voters living in the area are employed by Great Lakes Carbon Corp., parent company of Palos Verdes Properties, or are occupying the land on short-term leases.

**Hitchhiker Lifts \$115**  
A hitchhiker he took from Torrance Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave. to downtown Torrance stole a \$115 payroll check from his car, Walter E. Biles, of Los Angeles, told Torrance Police Saturday.

## Commission OK Masonic Temple

Plans of the Masonic Temple Assn. for building at the corner of Plaza del Amo and Cabrillo were recommended for approval by the Planning Commission Tuesday night. The new Masonic Temple will be erected in an R-3 zone, according to plans.

In other action, the commission, by a 5-3 vote, turned thumbs down on the application of Dr. Robert F. Seaman to build a doctor's office on part of his lot at 4526 W. 191st St.

Although 11 letters were received in favor of the office, with no opposition, the commission decided against the office. Commissioners Thurvin Fleetwood, Burt Lynn, and Lawrence Wing voted for the office, while J. A. Beasley, Alvan Hill, William A. Mason, Beverly Smith, and R. S. Whitcomb, John Mulvihill abstained.

**First Hearing Held**  
Herbert O. Barton's application for change from A-1 to M-1 zoning for property at 2028 W. 174th St. was heard at first hearing, with a second hearing slated on April 20. B. W. Davidson, of 17590 Arlington, adjoining the property in question, asked that no change be made in zoning of his property.

Applications of Lorna Woodburn for a parking lot for her grocery store at 1521 Madril Ave., and Wallace E. Franklin for a radio and TV store at 2066 Carson St., both were referred to committee, with hearings set on April 20. Commissioners Beasley, Hill, and Fleetwood will study the matters.

**License Not Approved**  
Winfred M. Clouph's application for a temporary real estate license at 635 Border Ave. was unanimously recommended for rejection by the planners.

Approval was recommended on Ruth Fortin's request for a waiver of front yard setback requirements at 635 Border Ave. Also getting a green light was George Bloxom's request to build a two-bedroom house at 22792 Hawthorne Ave. The application of R. C. Millward, of 20519 Arlington Ave., for division of lots at his property was recommended for approval. Division of two parcels of land into three lots each was OK'd for Lot 5, Block 41, Tract 2676, presented by George W. Neill.

## Five Injured In Fog Crash

Five persons, including a Torrance man, were hurt when four cars cracked up early Saturday morning on fog-shrouded Pacific Coast Highway near Huntington Beach.

R. G. Brown, of 18823 Cerise Avenue, received slight injuries in the mishap.

Two other men, Carl S. Hann, of 1304 Cordary in Torrance, and Gino Bazago, of Gardena, were uninjured. The pair were on their way fishing when the automobile in which they were riding was involved in the collision.

Others injured included Robert Heartwell, South Gate; Dick Coons, Long Beach; Mike Coons, Los Angeles; and Frank Cox, Los Angeles.

## 1955 Building Total Nears \$12,000,000

Building permits for two large tracts, totaling 314 homes, pushed building totals for the year to nearly \$12,000,000 for the year, according to the City Building Department.

Milton Kauffman received permits for 157 homes totaling \$1,508,180, to be built as part of a huge tract between Torrance and Sepulveda Blvds., West of Hawthorne.

The Home Savings and Loan Co. also took out 157 permits for \$1,742,580 in homes, north of Carson St., between Madrona and Maple.

## Planners OK 3 North Torrance Tracts with Drainage Stipulations

After long consideration of street and drainage problems, the Planning Commission recommended three north Torrance tracts for approval Tuesday night.

Getting an OK with the stipulation that a fence be erected along the flood control channel and that adequate drainage be provided, was tract 20445, east of Arlington and south of the Dominguez Channel, containing 43 lots. It was presented by the Northern Properties Co.

The Grand Construction Co. proposal for 61 lots in tract 20-944, southwest of 166th and Arlington Sts., also got tentative approval, provided that a fence is erected along the channel, the lots have a minimum 38 foot elevation, that drainage is adequate, that 166th Pl. must be higher than the channel, and a drainage easement be added to the map.

**Tract Approved**  
Another Grand plan, for tract 20803, southeast of 166th and Ardath Ave., with 52 lots also got a tentative OK, if 166th Pl. is higher than 166th St. and if curb openings on a 40 inch drain have bars to keep children from getting hurt.

With the settlement of drainage question, tract 21036 also was recommended for approval. Two giant tract proposals by Milton Kauffman were referred to committee. A proposal for 791 homes in tract 21076, east of Anza Ave., and between Torrance and Sepulveda Blvds., was referred to a committee of

William A. Mason, Burt Lynn, and Alvan Hill.

The proposal for tract 21275, between Del Amo Blvd. and 190th St., for 391 lots, was referred to a committee of John Mulvihill, Thurvin Fleetwood, and J. A. Beasley.

**Action Delayed**  
Action on a revised plan for tract 20829 was delayed until a master plan is received by the commission.

John E. Kettler had presented plans for 45 lots between Western and Walnut, along 238th St. The City Council had returned the map to the planners for further study, declaring that it did not understand the recommendations.

Debate centered around drainage problems. Kettler indicated he would do whatever the commission felt should be done, since part of the drainage would go into Los Angeles.

In other action the following tracts were referred to committee:

Tract 18379, presented by Don-Ja-Ran Corp.

Tract 21039, 12 lots, south of Newton St., between tracts 18-249 and 19-125, presented by Harry Kissel.

Tract 18380, 50 lots, northwest of 170th and Arlington, presented by Maag Holding Co.

Tract 14183, 18 lots, east of Arlington, north of tract 17483, presented by R. A. Watt Construction Co.

Tract 20773, 50 lots, northeast of 230th and Ocean Ave., presented by Harry Kissel.

## Veteran Director Retires

Henry W. Creeger, manager of the American-Standard plant here, was elected to the board of directors of the Torrance Hospital Assn. at the group's annual meeting Friday, and was named president of the board at a meeting of the directors following the general meeting.

Creeger, who has been a leading Torrance figure since establishment of the American-Standard plant here in 1948, has been general chairman of the hospital's recent fund raising drive which is nearing successful completion. He formerly was president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and has been active in other civic affairs here.

Also named to the board at Friday's meeting was Mrs. John Melville and Dr. Howard A. Wood.

Retiring after more than 30 years on the board of directors, 20 years as its president, was R. R. Smith, who was immediately elected president emeritus as a recognition for his long service to the Torrance Memorial Hospital.

## Immigration To Be Topic At Breakfast

A discussion of immigration and naturalization with special reference to cases relative to Southern California will highlight the monthly Chamber of Commerce breakfast program at the YWCA building, Carson and Plaza Del Amo tomorrow morning.

Guest speaker tomorrow will be Kenneth F. Temple, member of the Immigration office, U.S. Customs Bureau. Temple's talk will deal with the impact of the immigration laws on Southern California and also will touch on the webback situation.

The monthly meeting begins at 7:30 a. m. and is over by 8:30. Making his first appearance at the breakfast will be Tom Watson, new executive secretary of the Chamber.

## DOUGLAS PLANT CITED IN NATIONAL SURVEY

Douglas Aircraft Co. has been notified that its Torrance facility of the El Segundo Division has been named one of the 10 most significant manufacturing plants completed in the United States in 1954. The Torrance plant was chosen in a nationwide competition sponsored by Factory Management and Maintenance, a McGraw-Hill publication.

The award cites Douglas for transforming a series of abandoned shells into a modern processing and assembly plant.

Designed and engineered by Van Dyke & Barnes, Los Angeles, the plant employs 10,000 workers and is primarily engaged in production of the Navy's F4D Skyraiders and the famed AD Skyraiders. The F4D holds the three and the 100 kilometer world speed records.

As raw materials, for transforming the abandoned facilities into a new plant, Douglas had 11 parallel buildings separated by roofless courtyards and connected at the middle by a half-mile long passageway, and other buildings scattered all over the 214-acre property. Giving the company 1,400,000 square feet of floor space for a fraction of what new construction would have cost, the deserted buildings were relocated in some instances and completely transformed in others, so that today the plant has integrated production flow areas. Although production facilities are scattered over 30 acres, employee services are facilitated, for example, by 12 food trains which ran out from a central commissary to convey food to 10 modern dining rooms.



**EASTER BUNNY MOBBED . . .** At the Easter Egg Hunt held last Saturday morning, old Mr. Easter Bunny had his troubles handing out a part of the twelve hundred eggs, which were distributed at that time. A swarm of a thousand

youngsters covered El Prado Park from end to end, seeking the elusive paper eggs which were hidden about the area. The paper eggs were then exchanged for candied eggs.

## Heiman New Moose Head

Stanley Heiman was named governor of the Torrance Moose Lodge last week, and will be installed later this month. Other newly elected officers are Dan Hutchinson, junior governor; Bill Bailey prelate; Edward Dawson, treasurer; and Charles D. Shiffer, trustee for three year term.

Holdover trustees are Burt Beddo and Bar. Evans is secretary. Other officers will be appointed later.

## Drill Motor Taken

A half-inch drill motor was stolen from his truck as it was parked in front of his house, John L. Giff, of 22416 Ellinwood Dr., told Torrance Police.

## LEADS BUSINESSMEN . . .

Jack Brown, manager of a south Torrance paint store, was named president of the Waleria Businessmen's Assn. in the annual election of the group Thursday evening. He succeeds Virgil Hancock, service station operator. Bob Wagner, member of the Torrance Recreation Commission, was named vice president.



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## Torrance Police Open Safety Drive Directed at Teenagers

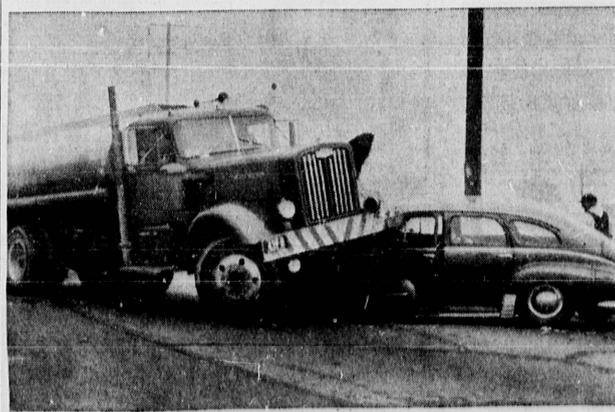
The Torrance police department is cooperating with the National Police Traffic Safety Institute in launching a local safety campaign for teenage drivers, according to an announcement made Saturday by Chief W. H. Haslam.

Chief Haslam said that his department hoped to accomplish an improved attitude toward safe driving in the teenage group, and that in spite of their superior physical and mental coordination, stamina and ability to react, teenagers are not living up to expectations. Their record, nationally, as drivers, is completely out of proportion to their capabilities, he said. While teenage drivers represent only 15 per cent of the total drivers in the nation, the chief continued, they were responsible for 25 per cent of fatal accidents and 21 per cent of non-fatal accidents last year.

## LADY PEDESTRIAN STRUCK BY AUTO

Mrs. Irene Crowther, 55, of 2453 Torrance Blvd., received minor injuries Thursday afternoon, as she was struck by a car and carried about 10 feet while she was crossing Cravens Ave., near El Prado.

Jasper Norr Parr, 23, of Wilmington, said he did not see Mrs. Crowther. He was headed north on Cravens Ave.



**WHA' HOPPEN . . .** Someone must have been surprised when these two vehicles collided near 190th St. and Vermont Ave. Saturday morning, but they could have been little more surprised than HERALD reporters were when they attempted to find out who was involved and whether serious injuries were suffered. A member of the traffic division of the Los Angeles Police Department said no information on the accident could be released for 48 hours and then only if a reporter would appear at the headquarters in Los Angeles. We decided the picture was worth running anyway.

## Fred Mill Commended By NACA

Fred W. Mill, division controller and assistant secretary of the National Shipyard Company in Torrance, received a commendation this week from the Long Beach Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants for his contribution to education.

The board of directors of the NACA chapter commended Mill after it was announced he would be the featured speaker at the seventh annual Regional Work Wiser Conference. The conference is sponsored by the Southern California Coordinating Council of the National Association of Foremen.

## Thursday Last Day for Bond Vote Register

Thursday, April 14, is the last day for Torrance voters to register for the June 7 bond election, Warren Hamilton, director of special services, reminded Friday. Voters in the \$10,000,000 bond election may register at the City Hall, or with deputy registrars.